THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) The total number of LPG consumers in the country as on 1.10.1998 was about 340 lakhs. The state wise details of custormers are given in Statement. *(See* below)

(b) The total deposits collected by the Oil Companies on account of security deposits from the consumers as on 1-10-98 were Rs. 3472.43 crores.

(c) and (d) The deposit is taken by the oil companies as security against LPG equipment loaned to the customers and is refundable as and when the equipment is surrendered. The deposit is utilised to maintain adequate inventory of LPG equipments in usable condition at all times so as to service the customer's requirements. On an average 1.5 cylinder per customer is required to be maintained by the oil companies for servicing their requirements.

Statement

Statewise Details of Customers as on 1.10.98

STATES	IN LAKHS
ANDHRA PRADESH	27.07
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0.47
ASSAM	4.90
BIHAR	9.88
DELHI	20.43
GOA	2.03
GUJARAT	25.37
HARAYANA	10.45
HIMACHAL PRADESH	5.81
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	5.03
KARNATAKA	17.89
KERALA	13.07
MADHYA PRADESH	17.02
MAHARASHTRA	54.52
MANIPUR	0.86
MEGHALAYA	0.47
MIZORAM	0.76
NAGALAND	0.42
ORISSA	4.39
PUNJAB	14.04
RAJASTHAN	13.44
SIKKIM	0.29
TAMIL NADU	26.84
TRIPURA	0.59
UTTAR PRADESH	43.28
WEST BENGAL	18.16
UNION TERRITORIES	
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	0.11
CHANDIGARH	1.64
DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	0.06
DAMAN & DIU	0.12
LAKHSADWEEP	0.01
PONDICHERRY	0.63

पेट्रोलियम से संबंधित उत्पादों की मांग में वृद्धि

407. **श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:**
श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पेट्रोलियम और उससे संबंधित उत्पादों की मांग में पिछले कुछ वर्षों से निरन्तर वृद्धि होती आ रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1995-96, 1996-97 तथा 1997-98 में प्रत्येक वर्ष इन मदों की मांग में पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में कितने-कितने प्रतिशत वृद्धि हुई है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि देश में मांग को पूरा करने के लिये पिछले वर्षों में कच्चे तेल और अन्य पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के आयात में वृद्धि हुई है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उपरोक्त वर्षों में प्रत्येक वर्ष कितना-कितना कच्चा तेल और अन्य पेट्रोलियम उत्पाद आयात किये गये?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार): (क) और (ख) वर्ष 1995-96, 1996-97 तथा 1997-98 के दौरान मांग में प्रतिशत वृद्धि क्रमशः 10.7 प्रतिशत, 6.0 प्रतिशत और 6.5 प्रतिशत थी।

(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1995-96, 1996-97 तथा 1997-98 के दौरान कच्चे तेल और पेट्रोलियम उत्पादों के आयातों की मात्रा निम्नवत् है:—

मात्रा: "000" टन

मद		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98*
क.	कच्चा तेल	27342	33906	34494
ख.	पेट्रोलियम उत्पाद जिसमें से	20335	20265	19530
	एल पी जी	678	1035	1087
	ए टी एफ	97	150	55
	एस के ओ	5001	5279	3812
	एच एस डी	12852	13608	14075
	भट्टी तेल	1209	694	141
	स्नेहक	58	44	25
	कुल योग (क+ख)	47677	54171	54024

*अनंतिम

Setting up pipelines by Reliance Petrochemicals Ltd.

408. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pelased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received a proposal from Reliance Petrochemicals Limited for setting up of pipelines in seven States, if so, the details thereof;

(b) what are the terms and conditions for clearance of such proposals received from private companies;

(c) when the Reliance project is likely to be cleared; and

(d) whether Government have received such proposals from other private companies, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Reliance Petroleum Limited (RPL) has sought permission to lay a product pipeline from Jamnagar via Ahmedabad to Indore (Phase-I) and for its extension from Indore to Hyderbad via Bhopal and Nagpur, with branch pipelines from Ahmedabad to Patna and from Ahmedabad to Hazira (Phase-II).

Essar Oil Limited (EOL) has also sought permission to lay a product pipeline from Jamnagar to Sultanpur via Ratlam and Bhander.

As per present policy, product pipeline are laid by M/s. Petronet India Limited (PIL) through subsidiaries incorporated for specific projects. PIL needs to examine the proposals of RPL and EOL to take an appropriate decision in due course.

Waiting list of LPG

409. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pelased to state:

(a) the total number of persons on the LPG waiting list in the country, State-wise, separately;

(b) whether Government have recently initiated some steps to clear the waiting list; and

(c) if so, the details of benefits each State would get?